

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 3, 6–8, and without prejudice. Please amend the remaining claims as follows, substituting any amended claim(s) for the corresponding pending claim(s):

1. (Currently Amended) A placemat, comprising:

a placemat body including:

a major portion sized to completely underlie a place setting including a plate and silverware, the major portion having a height of approximately 12–14 inches and a width of approximately 18–24 inches; and

a coaster extension integrally formed with and projecting from a peripheral edge of the major portion and sized to completely underlie a beverage container, the coaster extension having a width of approximately 3–4 inches,

wherein the placemat body is formed from a material selected from cloth, laminate, cork, rubber, neoprene and other plastics.

2. (Original) The placemat as set forth in Claim 1, wherein the size of the major portion is not substantially larger than necessary to completely underlie a place setting.

Claim 3. (Canceled).

1 4. (Original) The placemat as set forth in Claim 1, wherein a shape of the coaster extension is
2 consistent with a theme conveyed by a shape of the major portion.

1 5. (Original) The placemat as set forth in Claim 1, wherein any graphic content on the coaster
2 extension is consistent with a theme conveyed by graphic content on the major portion.

Claims 6–8 (Canceled).

1 9. (Previously Presented) The placemat as set forth in Claim 1, wherein the minor portion
2 projects from an upper, right periphery of the major portion.

10. (Currently Amended) A placemat, comprising:

a major body portion sized to completely underlie a place setting, the place setting consisting of a plate and utensils, the major portion having a height of approximately 12–14 inches and a width of approximately 18–24 inches; and

a coaster extension projecting from a peripheral edge of the major body portion and sized to completely underlie a beverage container, the coaster extension having a width of approximately 3–4 inches,

wherein the major body portion and the coaster extension are integrally formed, and wherein the major body portion and the coaster extension are formed from a material selected from cloth, laminate, cork, rubber, neoprene and other plastics.

11. (Previously Presented) The placemat according to claim 10, wherein the placemat is reversible and may be employed while resting on a first surface or while resting a second surface opposite the first surface.

12. (Previously Presented) The placemat according to claim 10, wherein the coaster extension projects from an upper, right or upper right peripheral edge of the major body portion when the placemat rests on a first surface and from an upper, left or upper left peripheral edge of the major body portion when the placemat rests on a second surface opposite the first surface.

1 13. (Previously Presented) The placemat according to claim 10, wherein the placemat is
2 reversible, and wherein,

3 when the placemat rests on a first surface, the coaster extension projects from position
4 between a center of an upper peripheral edge of the major body portion and a center of a right
5 peripheral edge of the major body portion, and

6 when the placemat rests on a second surface opposite the first surface, the coaster extension
7 projects from position between the center of the upper peripheral edge and a center of a left
8 peripheral edge of the major body portion.

1 14. (Previously Presented) The placemat according to claim 10, wherein the major body portion
2 has a first shape and the coaster extension has a second shape.

1 15. (Previously Presented) The placemat according to claim 14, wherein the second shape is
2 identical to but smaller than the first shape.

1 16. (Previously Presented) The placemat according to claim 14, wherein the second shape is
2 different from but complementary to the first shape.

1 17. (Previously Presented) The placemat according to claim 14, wherein the first and second
2 shapes are common geometric shapes.

1 18. (Previously Presented) The placemat according to claim 14, wherein the first shape represents
2 a first object and the second shape represents a second object different from the first shape.

1 19. (Previously Presented) The placemat according to claim 14, wherein the first and second
2 shapes are common geometric shapes.

1 20. (Currently Amended) A reversible placemat, comprising:
2 a body adapted for use regardless of whether the placemat rests on either a first surface or a
3 second surface opposite the first surface, the body including:
4 a first portion having a first shape and sized to completely underlie a place setting,
5 the place setting consisting of a plate and utensils, the first portion having a height of
6 approximately 12–14 inches and a width of approximately 18–24 inches; and
7 a second portion having a second shape, projecting from a peripheral edge of the first
8 portion and sized to completely underlie a beverage container, the coaster extension having
9 a width of approximately 3–4 inches,
10 wherein the second portion projects from an upper right peripheral edge of the first portion
11 when the placemat rests on the first surface and from an upper left peripheral edge of the first portion
12 when the placemat rests on the second surface, and
13 wherein the body is formed from a material selected from cloth, laminate, cork, rubber,
14 neoprene and other plastics.